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Sir:

This is in reply to an Office Action dated August 7, 2001.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Examiner's group II, claims 8-10.

Respectfully submitted,

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